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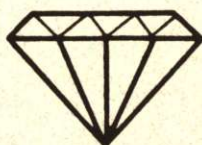
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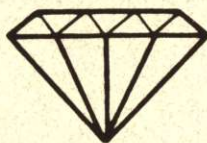


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Those who hold elective office have the power to affect your life through legislation. They can pass laws which can help protect you from discrimination and bashing or they can encourage such behavior. They can provide funding for proper health care for HIV+ people and women with breast cancer, or they can make it more difficult to get care and services. They can pass laws which can oppress or protect. What's more, they will definitely be making these types of decisions during their term in office, which may last up to six years after this election. As such, they have considerable potential to affect your life. By voting, you can have a say in who will be making these decisions, and thus influence decisions directly impacting your life as a lesbian/gay person.

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USING THIS GUIDE

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself, or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It is not a slate, and nothing in this guide constitutes an endorsement. **Both ratings and** written summaries must be used together for a clear evaluation of a candidate; they do not stand alone. They show the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates across the spectrum of lesbian/gay issues. Sometimes, candidates may be equal overall in ratings, but differ on their strengths within the range of lesbian/gay issues.

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Besides providing information about candidates running for various offices, this guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbian civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage such use of this information.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters obtains information for this guide from various sources: a questionnaire sent to each candidate; voting records; mass media such as *Out!*, *PGN*, *Au Courant*, *the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *the Altoona Mirror*, *the Erie Times*, newswire services, other organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and other miscellaneous sources. Although we do everything we can to ensure the accuracy of all information in the Guide, because of the complex nature of data collection, we cannot assume responsibility for inaccuracies in the information presented in the guide, if any exist.

SUBJECTS COVERED

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbian people.

Equality: The area of equality concerns issues of discrimination and protection from discrimination. This includes questions like whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbian person or support anti-discrimination legislation.

Violence: This area addresses the problem of hate crimes against lesbian people... lesbian bashing. Many points refer to the Hate Crimes Bill, which deals with lesbian bashing like other hate crimes in PA: by providing enhanced punishment for such crimes. LGLV advocates for this bill.

Couples: Under this subject, issues such as benefits for same-sex couples and recognition of same-sex couples are addressed. This is done primarily with the goal of attaining the legal tools necessary to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Insurance: This involves issues of life and medical insurance discrimination.

Custody: This subject deals with discrimination in child custody, adoption and foster parentage. Often, lesbian parents face road blocks in attaining custody of their children after a divorce simply because of their sexual orientation. Sexual orientation can also be a road block in the adoption of a child or in becoming a foster parent because of negative stereotypes against lesbian people.

Education: This topic involves issues of support for lesbian youth in schools.

AIDS: This topic includes a range of issues dealing with AIDS, including education, treatment and research. Also included are topics such as mandatory HIV testing and associated social policy issues.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire sent to each candidate covers a range of issues. Different types of questionnaires are sent depending upon the race. The following is a composite of all the types of questionnaires sent:

1. Should government at any level have the right to regulate private consensual adult sexual behavior?
2. Do you support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal government programs?
3. Would you not appoint an otherwise qualified person to your staff who is openly gay?
4. Would you approve a qualified openly gay person to a governmental position?
5. Do you believe a parent's sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions?
6. Do you believe an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny, or in anyway influence, that person's opportunity to adopt a child or become a foster parent? If yes, please explain your answer.
7. Do you support repealing the ban against lesbian and gay people in the military?
8. Military discharge papers (DD214) for lesbian and gay people indicate the reason for discharge is homosexuality. Do you support removing this notation and any indication of their sexual orientation from DD214s? Do you support retroactively removing this notation from already discharged veterans's DD214s?
9. Sen. Jesse Helms introduced legislation which cuts funding for schools which have programs, whether counseling or academic, which have the purpose or effect of presenting homosexuality in a positive light. Do you agree or disagree with this legislation? Why?
10. Do you support the recognition of marriage, or some legal equivalent (such as domestic partnerships), for same-sex couples?
11. Do you support extending health and welfare benefits to same-sex couples where at least one member of the couple is employed by the state?
12. Harsher sentences are often meted out for crimes motivated by racial and other prejudices. Do you believe crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation should likewise be considered an aggravating circumstance in sentencing the offender (for instance, as proposed in SB 1218, the Hate Crimes Bill)?
13. Do you think health or life insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
14. Should they offer gay/lesbian couples the opportunity to purchase family health insurance coverage?
15. How much funding would you support overall for AIDS programs in the next fiscal year? Please give dollar amount, and break down this figure into major categories (research, treatment, services, and education), or attach a copy of your budget.
16. What would you change and not change in a) current policies for the care and treatment of People With AIDS (PWAs) (drug approval, home care, medical subsidies, etc.) and b) current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
17. Should HIV testing be mandatory? If yes, for whom?
18. Do you support the protecting the confidentiality of a person with regard to their HIV status?
19. Do you support anonymous HIV testing?
20. Please add any other relevant facts or opinions. Include as much information as you like. Please cite relevant legislation, testimony, or activities, if any, with which you have been involved.
21. What message would you like to send the lesbian and gay voters in Pennsylvania?

Legend

✓✓ - Excellent

✕ - Unsatisfactory

P - Patriot

0, ⇄ - Neutral

NB - No Basis for Evaluation

L - Libertarian

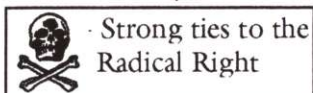
✕✕ - Poor

🐄 - Democrat

I - Independent

✓ - Good

🐘 - Republican



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We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact the League and express your views about the guide.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is a nonpartisan organization concerned with issues of special concern to the lesbian community in Pennsylvania. Our primary activities involve voter registration and education of voters, legislators and candidates, and legislative advocacy. While we do rate candidates on various issues of concern to the lesbian community, we do not endorse.

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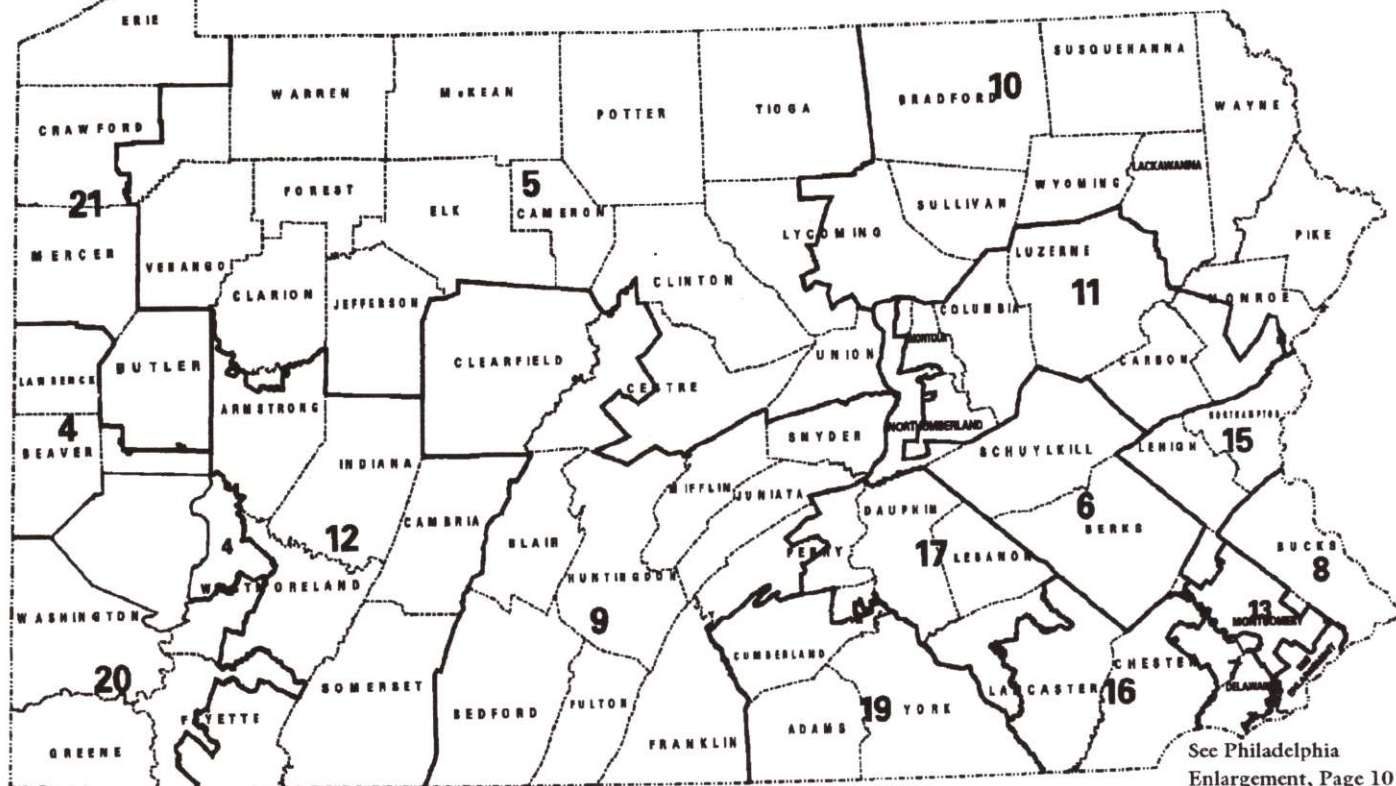
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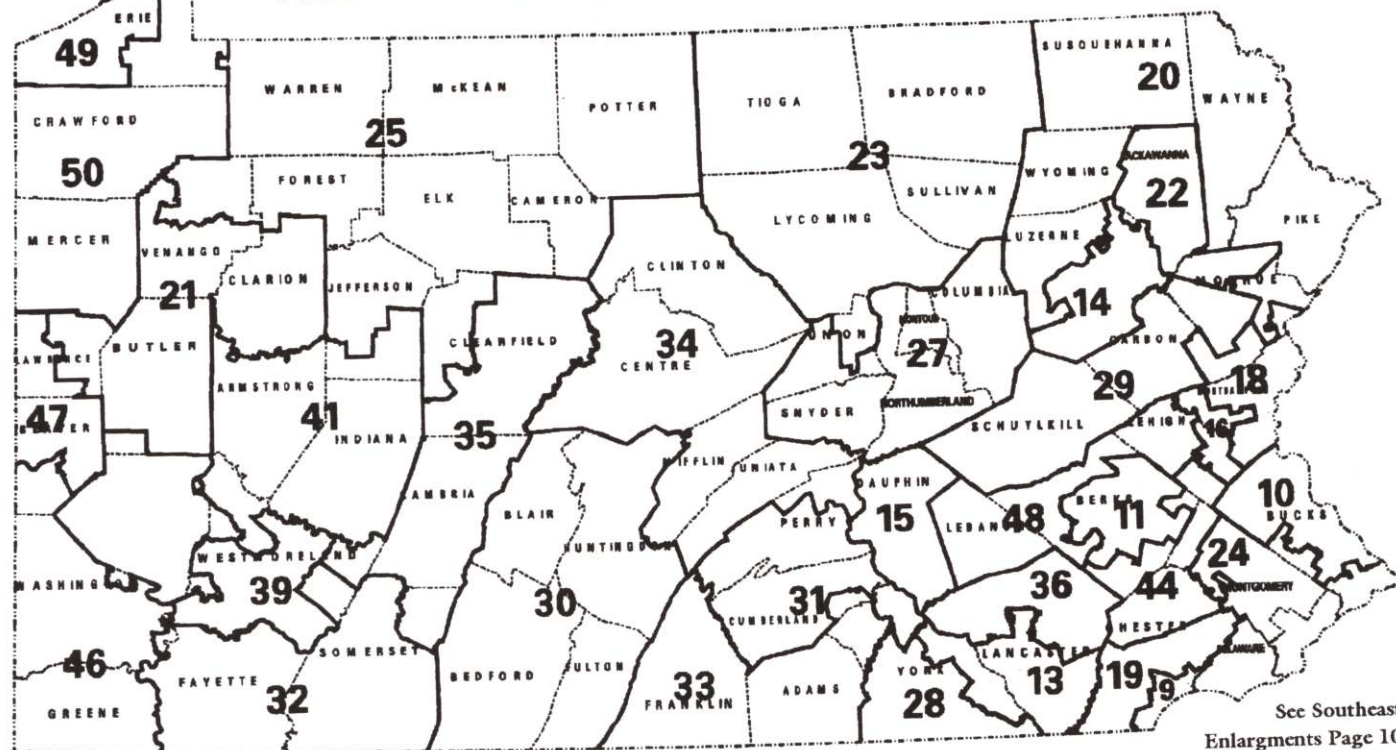
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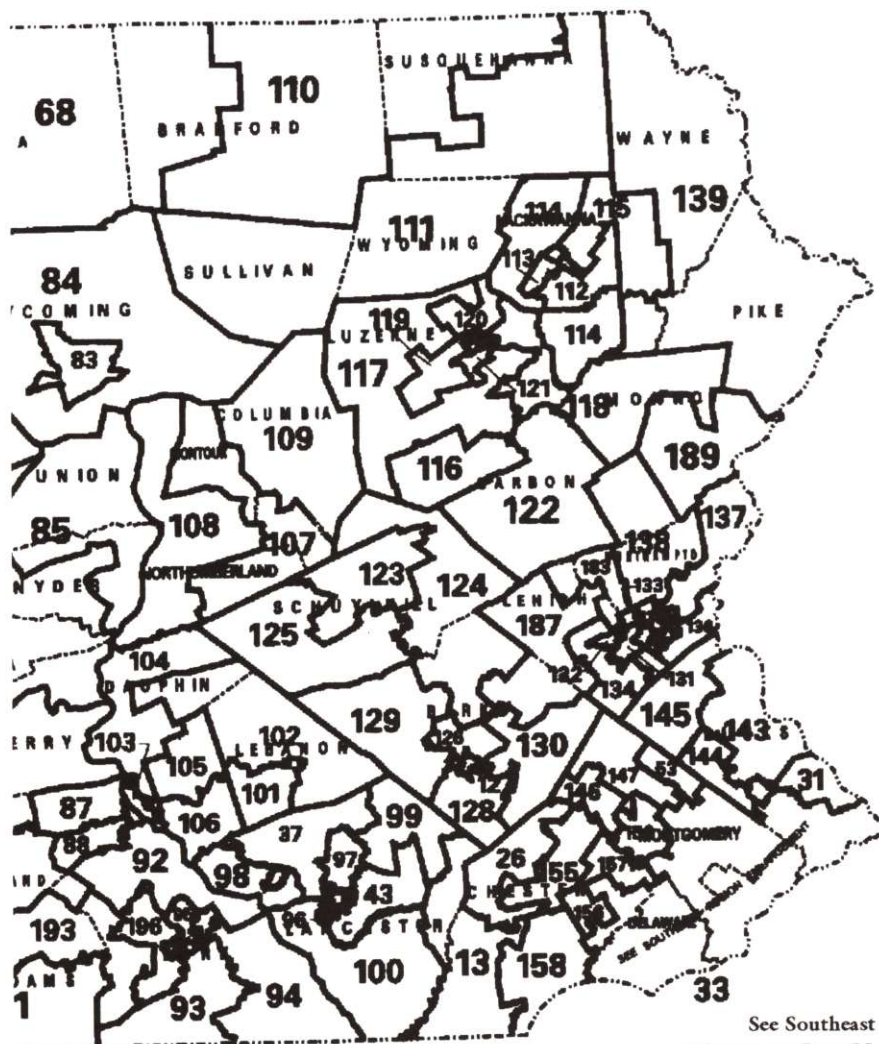
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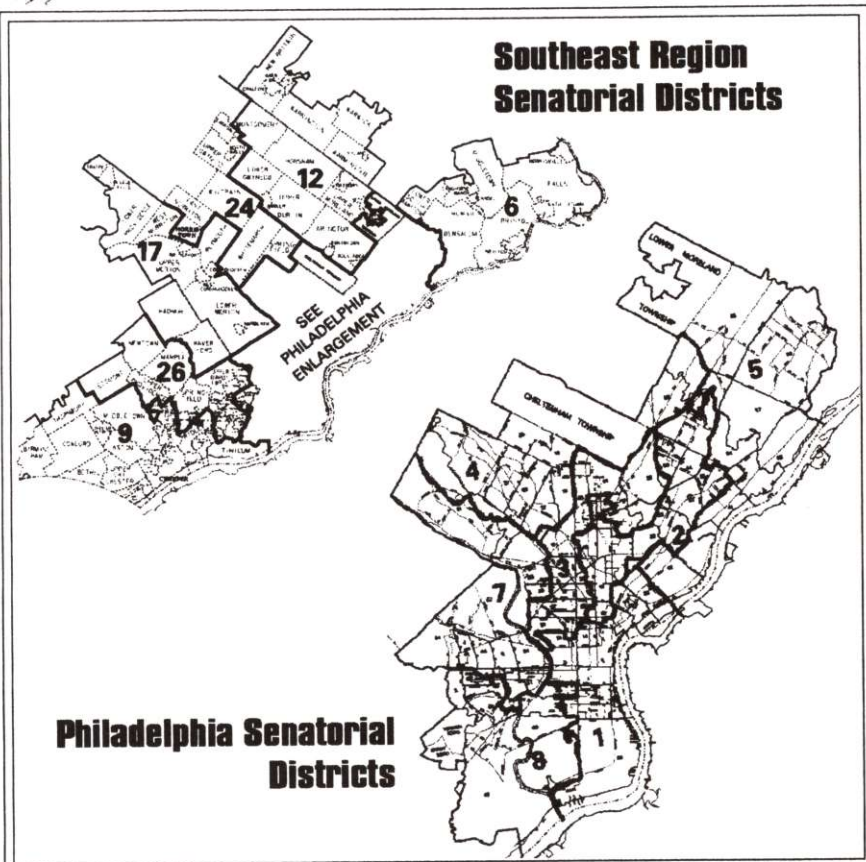
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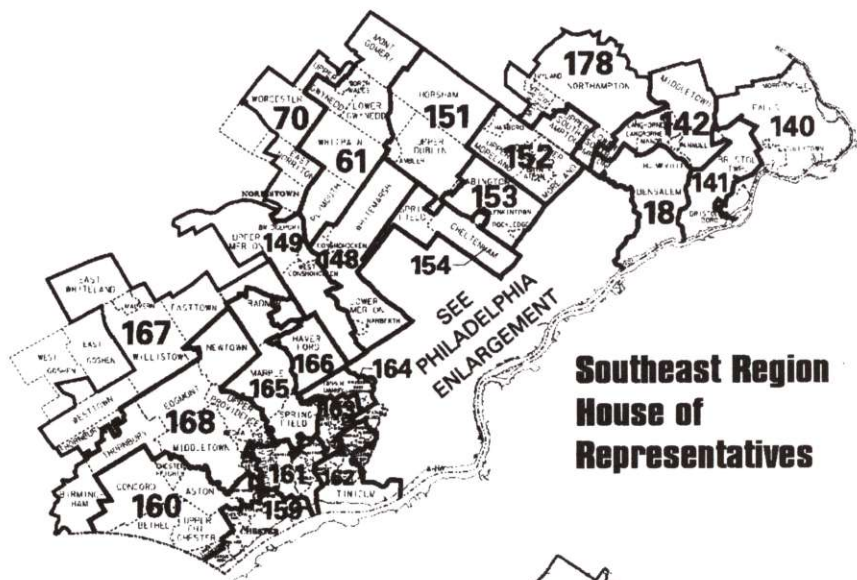


**Philadelphia
Congressional Districts**



**Southeast Region
Senatorial Districts**

**Philadelphia Senatorial
Districts**



**Southeast Region
House of
Representatives**



**Philadelphia
House of Representatives**

Harris Wofford

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Opposed the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals.
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington DC to implement its domestic partners ordinance.
- ✓ Has supported legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in healthcare.
- ✓ Opposed a Helms amendment to prohibit schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✗ Cosponsored the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill in 1991, but is not a cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment.

Rick Santorum



- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office"
- ✗ Voted for the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals, and is actively campaigning on this point.
- ✗ Opposed the implementation of Washington, DC's domestic partners ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people from the military.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✗ Paid the PA Christian Coalition \$1,700 for their mailing list for campaign purposes.
- ✗ Has spoken to the anti-gay, right-wing Pennsylvania Family Institute as a guest of honor.
- ✗ Has developed a significant portion of his volunteer base through the Christian Coalition.

Donald Ernsberger **L**

- ✓ Opposes discrimination based on sexual orientation when public funds are used.
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex couples for tax and inheritance purposes, and has worked in favor of allowing DC to implement its domestic partnership laws.
- ✗ Opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would bar discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, because it "prohibits voluntary control by private employers of their businesses and workforce."
- ✗ Opposes public healthcare programs.
- ✗ "I do not support Federal Funding for any scientific or medical research."

- ➡ Opposes discrimination by the government on the basis of sexual orientation, but is against prohibiting discrimination otherwise.

Diane Blough P

- ✓ Would cosponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which bars discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Opposes discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, public accommodations, Federal government programs, education and healthcare.
- ✓ "I do believe states must further enact 'anti-hate' criminal statutes and enforce them. We have no room for hate or discrimination on any basis."
- ✓ "We do not have the right, nor can we afford, to discriminate against any productive person with something to offer the country, irrespective of their personal lifestyle, beliefs, religion, origin, or race."
- ➡ "I do not favor funding or otherwise promoting alternative lifestyles. Permitting an individual to live as they choose is not the same as conducting educational and promotional programs to encourage an alternative lifestyle. I repeat, sexual preference is a private matter, whether homosexual or heterosexual, and should not be dictated by government"

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Blough	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	0	0
Ernsberger	0	✓✓	✗	✓✓	0	✗
Santorum	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗	✗	0
Wofford	NB	✓	NB	✗	✓	✓

Governor

Mark Singel 🐴

- ✓ As Lieutenant Governor, proposed that the state establish a permanent funding source for community-based AIDS service organizations.
- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ "We must stop referring to some people with AIDS as 'innocent victims,' implying that others are somehow guilty. We must stop talking about how AIDS is creeping into the 'general population'. Since 1981, persons with HIV infection and AIDS have been in the general population."
- ✓ Advocates extending bereavement leave to any person "with whom a state employee makes his or her home."
- ✓ Supports paying insurance premiums for low and moderate income PWAs who have lost their private coverage due to disability, unemployment or inability to pay.
- ✓ Supported adding sexual orientation to Penn State's nondiscrimination clause as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- ✓ Has appointed openly lesbian people to his staff.
- ✓ "The issues of job discrimination, fairness for domestic partners, health care and hate crimes are too important for elected officials to ignore any longer... I recognize the need for all of us to work together to improve the lives of all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation."

Tom Ridge

- ✓ Cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protected disabled people from discrimination, including people with AIDS.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted against automatic discharge for military personnel who are HIV+.
- ✓ “Crimes motivated by hatred based on race, color, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation are intolerable and should be condemned in the strongest terms... [no group] should be targeted for violence simply because of their status. ...[So] I would support amending Pennsylvania’s Hate Crimes Bill to include ‘sexual orientation’...”
- ✓ “As a Member of Congress, I have adopted an anti-discrimination pledge. The sexual orientation of employees in my congressional office is not and never has been a consideration in hiring, promotion, or termination. As governor, I would adopt the same policy for my Administration and would not discriminate in appointments based on an individual’s sexual orientation.”
- ✓ “I ... support continued funding for community-based services. I believe the state’s role in providing care and treatment to PWAs is best accomplished at the local level with people and organizations that understand local needs and are normally best equipped to arrive at the best solutions.”
- ✗ Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is “normal, natural or healthy.”
- ✗ Supported bills which would have explicitly allowed discrimination against lesbigay people in employment.
- ✗ “I would not support legislation that would allow same sex couples to adopt or become foster parents.”
- ✗ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with “the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative.”

Patrick Fallon L

- ✓ Has clearly spent time reading materials on AIDS. He sent over 100 pages of material to support his unorthodox, though not unheard of, views on AIDS. He appears to care about the subject.
- ✗ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. “If a private individual or business wants to discriminate, that should be an allowed choice. You can’t outlaw stupidity, but it has its own consequences.” He indicates that market forces will favor those who do not discriminate.
- ✗ Believes custody decisions should be made by arbiters or juries with their own standards, which, evidently, may or may not include consideration of a parent’s sexual orientation.

- ✗ Believes entities, including insurance companies and adoption agencies, should be free to discriminate.
- ✗ Rather than supporting the recognition of same-sex marriage, he “would like to see the state out of the business of recognizing marriages in general.”
- ✗ *Believes AIDS is not caused by HIV, and that the idea that HIV causes AIDS was a political decision rather than a scientific one. He claims evidential support for this belief, and cites numerous scientists who he claims agree with this position, including Dr. Peter Duesberg, who is a leading proponent of this school of thought. This theory has also been promoted in the New York Native lesbian newspaper. Given this, he proposes cutting “all state funding that promotes AZT and other toxic therapy” and funding research to reconsider the question of whether or not HIV really causes AIDS. Unfortunately, he proposes no programs to help those who are sick with opportunistic infections while the government sponsors research to determine for certain whether HIV actually causes AIDS, which is ultimately why he got an ✗ in the rating table.

Timothy Holloway P

- ✓ “No one has the right to assault you [lesbian people] or harm you in any way because of your lifestyle and I would not tolerate hate crimes.”
- ✓ “We must do everything we can to prevent the human suffering and pain that comes from [AIDS]... I pray for and will do everything I can as governor to help the victims of this terrible disease. We must not stand in judgement of those afflicted by this disease, [but] must help them through this terrible time in their lives.”
- ✗ “I will not profess the practice of homosexuality as acceptable nor will I sanction it in any way.”
- ✗ “I believe that being a homosexual is not wrong or sinful. I thank God he never gave me that burden to bear... The PRACTICE of homosexual acts is a sin and is wrong in God’s eyes.”
- ✗ “The law... states that you have the liberty and freedom to practice any lifestyle you wish, and I will fully support that right and liberty. With liberty and freedom come responsibility and accountability. If you wish to OPENLY practice this lifestyle then you must accept the responsibility and accountability that comes from that action. Those who find that lifestyle offensive and wrong cannot be expected to sanction [it] or be forced to behave in a manner that makes [it] appear acceptable or good for our society. They also have the liberty and freedom to spend their money as they wish when hiring.”

Peg Luksik I



- ✗ Well-known Pennsylvanian extreme right-wing leader, Luksik is perhaps best known for leading the opposition against Outcome-Based Education (OBE). In particular, opponents (incorrectly) argued that OBE required teaching tolerance of lesbian people.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Fallon	✗	✗	0	✗	✗	✗*
Holloway	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✓	✗	✓
Luksik	✗✗	✗✗	✗	NB	NB	NB
Ridge	✗	✗	✗	✓✓	✓	✓
Singel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓

US Congress - District 1

Thomas Foglietta

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✓ Supports "Gay and Lesbian Youth Suicide Prevention Act".
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✓ Voted against the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✓ Voted against the ban on immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"
- ✓ Requested funding for a new Philadelphia Community Center "designed to assist the diverse Philadelphia community impacted by AIDS and HIV."

Roger Gordon

- ✓ Supports repealing military ban of lesbigay people.
- ✓ Would cosponsor Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✗ Believes the federal Government has no role in combatting hate crimes.
- ✗ Seeks more funds for AIDS research, drug approval, home care and medical subsidies, but supports mandatory testing for health care professionals "and any person convicted of prostituion."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Foglietta	✓✓	✓	NB	✓✓	✓	✓
Gordon	✗	✗	0	✓	NB	0

US Congress - District 2

Chaka Fattah

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and federal programs.
- ✓ Supports repealing military ban against lesbigay people.
- ✓ Supports education as a means to prevent Hate Crimes.
- ✓ As a state senator, is a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Supports increasing funding to fight AIDS, reauthorization of the Ryan White Bill and a budget for AIDS as proposed by AIDS Action Council.
- ✓ Cosponsored a bill in the State Senate to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🐘: Lawrence Watson

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Fattah	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	NB	✓

US Congress - District 3

Robert Borski 🐘

- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesgay people in the military.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.

No data or response - 🐘: James Hasher

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Borski	✓	✓	0	✗	✓	✓

US Congress - District 6

Tim Holden 🐘

- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office".
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesgay people in the military.
- ✗ Voted to require the automatic discharge for any military personnel who are HIV+.

- ✕ Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have “the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative”

No data or response – 🐘: Fred Levering

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Holden	NB	✕	NB	✕	✕	✕

US Congress - District 7

Sara Nichols 🐘

- ✓ Would cosponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and “actively [try] to persuade those who don’t support it that it is in the nation’s best economic interest to pass it”
- ✓ Supports recognizing same-sex relationships for purposes of income and inheritance taxes.
- ✓ Supports repealing the military ban against lesbigay people.
- ✓ Supports mandatory AIDS education in schools and airing public service announcements more frequently and when teens are likely to watch.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and supports confidentiality of HIV status.

Curt Weldon 🐘

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✕ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✕ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✕ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✕ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✕ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: “The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office.”
- ✕ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs which have “the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative”
- 🐘 Declined to answer the questionnaire, preferring to let his record speak for itself. He invited LGLV representatives to meet with him to discuss issues affecting the lesbigay community.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Nichols	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓
Weldon	✕	✕	✓	✕	✕	✕

US Congress - District 8

Jim Greenwood

- ✓ Supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Supports hate crime legislation.
- ✓ Cosponsored the Ryan White reauthorization Act of 1994.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesgigay people in the military.
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

Robert Cash I

- ✗ Does not support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment, public accommodations, or anything else.
- ✗ Believes the Federal Government should not be spending money on AIDS programs because he feels health care is a state and local concern.
- ✗ Doesn't believe the Federal Government should cut funding for schools which have programs presenting homosexuality in a positive light, as Jesse Helms has proposed, because he doesn't believe the Federal Government should be involved in local education.

No data or response – : John Murra; : Jay Russell

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Greenwood	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	0
Cash	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	✗

US Congress - District 10

Daniel Schreffler

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- ✓ "It seems that [law] enforcement is lax on those willing to victimize gays."
- ✓ "The rights of all people must be fought for and protected. That is somewhat a cliché, but very much a part of what I and my campaign are about."

Joseph McDade

- ✓ Voted against codification of the ban against lesgigay people in the military (though he missed two of three votes on the issue).
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.

- ✗ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted to automatically discharge HIV+ military personnel.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

No response or data – L: Albert Smith

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Schreffler	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	NB	NB
McDade	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗✗	✗

US Congress - District 11

Paul Kanjorski 🐾

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to provide health care benefits to its employee's domestic partner.
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.

No data or response – 🐾: Andrew Podolak

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Kanjorski	✗✗	0	✓	✗✗	✓	✓✓

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US Congress - District 13

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✓ Will support a health care reform plan that will ensure non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Has called for more attention to be focused on women's health care and has sponsored legislation which would increase funding for breast and cervical cancer detection by \$35 million.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory AIDS testing.
- ✓ Voted against prohibiting schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✓ Voted against codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.

Lee Hustead **L**

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination in government housing and programs funded completely with government money.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory AIDS testing.
- ✓ Supports removing the notation of homosexuality from the DD214s (discharge papers) of lesbian people discharged from the military.
- ✗ Opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and any other legislation which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, because he believes the Constitution does not give the federal government this power.
- ✗ Opposes repealing the ban against lesbian people in the military.

No data or response: – : Jon Fox; **L**: Frank Szabo

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Hustead	✗	NB	NB	✗	NB	✗
Margolies-Mezvinsky	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓

US Congress - District 15

Paul McHale

- ✓ Has pledged to vote for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- ✓ Spoke at the 1994 Lehigh Valley AIDS walk, stating that the disease is no longer "someone else's problem. This is a disease that touches us all."

- ✗ Has a problem equating homosexual and heterosexual relationships, and would not support changes to Military Code that will ensure that hetero- and homosexual behavior is treated exactly the same.
- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

Jim Yeager

- ✗ Supports mandatory HIV testing for military personnel and would not support a bill guaranteeing confidentiality of HIV status.
- ✗ Supports the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ⇒ Supports current laws prohibiting discrimination, but did not say whether he would support a law that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- ⇒ Supports only the current funding for AIDS programs.

Victor Mazziotti P

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, federal programs, education and health care, but stop short of supporting the employment Non-Discrimination Act because he has not read the bill.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory AIDS testing.
- ✗ Supports the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✗ Opposes removing the notation of homosexuality from the DD214s (discharge papers) of lesbian people discharged from the military.
- ⇒ Has no positions on AIDS funding or programs.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
McHale	✓	✗	✓	0	✗	✓
Yeager	NB	✗	✗	✗	NB	NB
Mazziotti	✓	✗	NB	✗	NB	0

US Congress - District 16

Robert S. Walker

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.

- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✗ Supported anti-lesbian legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

No data or response – 🐘: Bill Chertok

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS
Walker	✗	✗	✓	✗✗	✗

US Congress - District 17

George Gekas



- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS
- ✗ Actively supporting radical right-wing candidate Debra Cruel for PA House of Representatives (see PA House – District 103).
- ✗ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✗ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✗ Supported anti-lesbian legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✗ Sought, unsuccessfully, to remove sexual orientation from the scope of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act before it passed.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS
Gekas	✗	✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗

Bill Goodling

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Believes FDA drug approval must be streamlined and accelerated.
- ✓ "Federal health care benefits should not discriminate against home care and outpatient services when proven to be as effective and economical."
- ✗ When asked if he would support and actively work for a non-discrimination bill based on sexual orientation, he responded, "At this time, I will not support policies which would give any one group unwarranted, preferential treatment over others." He implied current laws "give all citizens equal protection under the law."
- ✗ In regard to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, stated "I have strong concerns about amending Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 because it opens the doors for increased litigation every time an employee is released."
- ✗ Although he says "Curriculum decisions should be made by the local communities and federal legislation should not inhibit or direct the work of local school districts," he supported an effort to prohibit schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy," and another which would prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✗ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbian people in the military.
- ✗ "Service in the military is not a right. The military is not a social or political body, nor is it a place for social experimentation. Individuals sacrifice a great many liberties in the name of discipline, and discipline is essential to an effective military. On this point I cannot be swayed. Quite simply, I have serious reservations about reducing the readiness and effectiveness of our armed forces."
- ✗ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ✗ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ✗ Believes greater emphasis should be placed on abstinence as the only completely effective means of avoiding contracting AIDS.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	Aids
Goodling	✗	✗✗	0	✗✗	✗	✗

Pennsylvania Senate - District 2

Tina Tartaglione

- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill
- ✓ "I will not support the idea of "special rights" for Gays and Lesbians in the Commonwealth because...I do not believe that equal housing, employment opportunities and security, issues of one's sexual orientation, etc. are 'special rights.' They are in my mind basic civil rights for ALL Pennsylvanians."

- ✓ Supports increased funding for AIDS service organizations.

Bruce Marks

- ✓ Has assured members of the lesbian community that he will do everything in his power to make sure the Hate Crimes Bill is passed in 1995.
- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Marks	✓✓	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	NB
Tartaglione	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 4

Allyson Schwartz

- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports increases in the AIDS budget.

Tom Scott

- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Schwartz	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓
Scott	✓	NB	✓	✓✓	NB	NB

Pennsylvania Senate - District 6

No data or response – : John Cordisco; : Robert Tommy Tomlinson

Pennsylvania Senate - District 7

Vincent Hughes

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premium.

Tom Brennan **L**

- ✱ "I would favor scrapping the whole thing [the Human Relations Act] rather than adding to the list of certified humans."
- ⇒ "The answer for funding AIDS research and treatment costs is to institute a tax credit (and transferable tax credit) system so individuals can defray their own health care costs or those of loved ones."

- Believes in “total patient autonomy in choosing drug or any other therapies they [PWAs] desire regardless of whether these therapies are FDA approved or not.”

No data or response – : Michael Duncan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Hughes	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓
Brennan	✗	✓	✓	✗	0	0

Pennsylvania Senate - District 8

Hardy Williams

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hates Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – : Fatima Williams

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Williams	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	✓	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 10

David Heckler

- ✓ Cosponsor and strong proponent of the Hates Crimes Bill. As a state legislator, spoke in favor of the bill when it was being debated on the House floor.
- ✓ From the floor debate on the PA Hate Crimes Bill, when he was in the House: “The gentleman... suggested to you that homosexuality is not a cherished value that we want to pass on to our children. I would suggest that he misses the point. Neither race nor ethnic origin nor homosexuality is the cherished value we are here to protect. The cherished value... is that we live in a society which will not tolerate intimidation and violence directed at any hated group within our society.... and I would suggest that the legislation before us today is entirely consistent and is needed to carry forward that purpose.”
- ✓ As a senator, he actively worked in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill, and has promised to do whatever he can to see that it gets out of Judiciary Committee and passed by the full senate.
- ✓ Has previously indicated that he would support amending the Human Relations act to add sexual orientation.

No data or response – : Susan E. Hauser

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Heckler	✓	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	NB

Pennsylvania Senate - District 12

Anthony Repici 🐾

- ✓ Supports some type of legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✗ Believes a parent's sexual orientation should be a material factor, but not a determining factor, in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✗ Believes insurance companies should not be allowed to deny coverage or raise rates based on sexual orientation, "but sexual practice factors may be considered."

Stewart Greenleaf 🐘

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Kenneth Jacobine L

- ✗ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act because he claims the state constitution guarantees all the same rights and there is no need for legislation which would give a group "special protection or preferential treatment".
- ✗ Would not appoint an openly lesbian person to his staff because this "would not reflect his values."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Greenleaf	NB	NB	NB	0	NB	✓
Jacobine	✗	✗	✗	✗	0	0
Repici	NB	✗	✓	0	0	NB

Pennsylvania Senate - District 14

Raphael Musto 🐘

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✗ Has hinted at being supportive of the Hate Crimes Bill, saying that the Human Relations Commission wants to see it passed, but has yet to commit.
- ✗ Originally a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill, he withdrew his name from the bill without explanation. However, currently seems supportive of the bill.

No data or response – 🐘: John Ford; L: Daniel McFarling

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Musto	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 16

Roy Afflerbach 🐘

- ✓ Has stated he will support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Bob Smith

- ➡ Willing to meet with representatives of the lesbian community.
- ➡ Will study the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Afflerbach	✓	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓✓
Smith	NB	NB	NB	0	NB	NB

Pennsylvania Senate - District 18

Bob Freeman

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports an increase in AIDS funding of 12% over last year's budget.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and voted for HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator and will support it as a state senator.
- ✓ "It is the content of a person's character that we should judge people by, not their race, creed, religion, or sex/sexual orientation."
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✗ Believes that all factors should be considered in custody, adoption and foster care decisions; however, sexual orientation should not be placed above any other factors.

Joseph Uliana

- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Freeman	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Uliana	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 20

Charles Lemmond, Jr.

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Supported (and continues to support) the Hate Crimes Bill as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Lemmond	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 22

Robert Mellow

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - : Edward Zitterman

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Mellow	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 24

Edwin Holl

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Tom Warms

✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill, and would be "inclined" to cosponsor it.

✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

✓ Believes "society would benefit by recognizing the stability of same-sex relationships".

✓ As a local Democratic chair, has supported an openly lesbian candidate in school board and treasurer races.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Holl	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓
Warms	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	NB

Pennsylvania Senate - District 26

Joseph Loeper

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

➡ Responded to questionnaire with a letter stating he would prefer to run on his record rather than answering hypothetical questions.

No data or response - : Debbie Thomas

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Loeper	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 28

Mike Bortner

✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill while serving as a state legislator.

✓ As a state senator and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he continues to be supportive of the Hate Crimes Bill.

Dan Delp

✗ Will not support legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

- ✖ Believes sexual orientation should be an influencing or determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions, but declined to explain reasoning.
- ✖ Will not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Although he does not believe health and life insurance companies should be able to deny insurance based upon sexual orientation, he believes they should be able to raise rates based upon it.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Bortner	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	NB
Delp	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖	✖	✖✖

Pennsylvania Senate - District 36

Noah Wenger

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Wenger	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓

Pennsylvania Senate - District 44

Barry Robertson

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports HIV confidentiality, except in criminal cases.
- ✓ Would support legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ HIV testing should be mandatory for everyone.
- ✖ Believes sexual orientation should be a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions – “I don’t believe the lifestyle is good for child rearing.”

No data or response – : Jim Gerlach; **L**: Carolann Hill

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Robertson	✓	✖	✓	✓	✓	0

Pennsylvania Senate - District 48

David Brightbill

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response – : Kathleen Hughes-Manzella; **P**: William Saylor

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Brightbill	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓

State House - District 13

Susan Bernadzikowski

- ✓ Believes sexual *conduct*, not sexual *orientation*, should be a determining or influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✓ Would support some legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ "I consider the civil rights of gay and lesbian voters equal to those of other law abiding citizens."
- ⇒ Would look into adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.

Art Hershey



- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ✗ Accepted campaign contributions from James Herr, the Chair of the Board of the anti-lesbigay, extreme right Pennsylvania Family Institute.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Bernadzikowski	0	✓	✓	0	NB	NB
Hershey	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 18

No data or response – : Lee McBride; : Gene DiGirolamo

State House - District 26

No data or response – : Victor Rossi, Jr.; : Timothy Hennessey

State House - District 31

Margaret Dissinger

- ⇒ No opinion yet on adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act
- ⇒ Believes sexual orientation should not be the "sole determinant" in custody decisions.
- ⇒ Needs to study same-sex marriage or domestic partners.
- ⇒ Needs to study Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ "I am against any form of discrimination. We need to educate people more fully about human sexuality so that knee jerk reactions of bias and fear which occur so often can be reduced and the hate mongering of anti-gay radical groups can be eradicated."

No data or response – : David Steil

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Dissinger	0	0	0	0	NB	NB

State House - District 37

Katie True

- ✕ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
True	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✕✕

State House - District 43

Jere Schuler

- ✕ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Schuler	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✕✕

State House - District 53

Albert Rieck

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and supports the HIV Confidentiality Law
- ✕ Believes sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✕ Does not support a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ➡ Although opposed to adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act during the primary, he indicated in his general election questionnaire that he supports it.

Robert Godshall

- ➡ Did not respond to our questionnaire but sent a letter stating he prefers to run on his record after 12 years in the House.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✕ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Godshall	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	XX
Rieck	0	X	X	✓	✓	NB

State House - District 61

Joseph Gladeck

- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

S. Douglas Leard L

- X When asked about funding for AIDS, Leard responded "I oppose government funding of charities." He feels the government should do nothing about AIDS. Rather, all services should be privatized.
- X Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- X Feels insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise their rates based upon sexual orientation.
- "An individual, no matter what the sexual orientation, should be able to adopt a child. At the same time, adoption agencies should be able to define their own criteria for adoption."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gladeck	NB	NB	NB	XX	NB	NB
Leard	0	✓	✓	X	X	X

State House - District 68

No data or response -  / : Matthew Baker

State House - District 70

John Fichter

- X Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Fichter	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	XX

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State House - District 92

Bruce Smith

- Did not respond to our questionnaire, but sent a letter stating he could not answer it because legislation can change as it goes through the legislative process. But he also said "My office door will continue to be open for you."

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Smith	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 93

Mike Waugh

- ✖ Believes sexual orientation should be used as a factor in making custody, adoption, and foster care decisions, but should not be used as the deciding factor.
- ✖ Does not support including sexual orientation in the Human Relations Act.
- ✖ Does not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Believes insurance companies should be able to adjust their rates based upon a person's sexual orientation.
- ✖ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.
- "Be private, be careful, be considerate."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Waugh	✖	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖

State House - District 94

No data or response – : Michael Della Penna III; : Stan Saylor

State House - District 95

Stephen Stetler

- ✓ Willing to support recognition of domestic partnerships for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ "I fervently believe that all people are created equal and should not be judged on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or sexual orientation."

Stan Shepp

- ✖ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act because he is unwilling to spend the funds to enforce it.
- ✖ "Children need a mother and a father. Not 2 mothers or 2 fathers. Many

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children... would be subject to taunting and teasing.... If all else was equal, I would give custody to the 'straight' parent."

✖ Is concerned that lesbian people who adopt children would affect their sexual orientation.

➡ Previously supportive of legal recognition for same-sex couples, Shepp now says he is "not sure at this point" about how he feels on the issue.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Shepp	0	✖	0	✖	✖✖	✖
Stetler	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0

State House - District 96

Mike Sturla 🐘

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – 🐘: Stephen McDonald

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Sturla	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓

State House - District 97

Jere Strittmatter 🐘

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Strittmatter	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 98

Thomas Armstrong 🐘

✖ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Armstrong	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✖

State House - District 99

No data or responses – 🐘: Quintin Eisemann; 🐘: Leroy Zimmerman

State House - District 100

John Barley 🐘

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✱ Introduced legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response – : John Carter

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Barley	NB	NB	NB	XX	NB	XX

State House - District 101

Edward Krebs

- ✱ Declined to answer questionnaire as a matter of policy, and said he welcomes people to meet with him to discuss legislation.

No data or response – **P**: Nancy Horn

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Krebs	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 102

No data or response – : Peter Zug

State House - District 103

Ron Buxton

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

Debra Cruel

- ✱ Board member of the anti-lesbigay, extreme right organization, the Pennsylvania Family Institute. She also appears to perform legal work for this organization.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Buxton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NB
Cruel	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX

State House - District 104

Jeff Piccola

- ✱ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✱ Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✱ Says "I am the recognized leader in the House of Representatives on criminal justice issues and I have a strong record in the fight against crime." Yet, he continues to oppose the Hate Crimes Bill even though he voted in favor of the original hate crimes legislation, which did not have sexual orientation included.

No data or response – : Mark Chase Schneier

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Piccola	✖	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✓	✖✖

State House - District 105

Ron Marsico  / 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Marsico	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 106

No data or response - : Frank Tulli, Jr.

State House - District 107

Robert Belfanti 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - : Chris Pfaff

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Belfanti	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 108

Merle Phillips 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Phillips	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 109

No data or response - : John Gordner; : Frank Omlor

State House - District 110

Scot Chadwick 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - : T. Asher Morris

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Chadwick	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 111

Sandra Major 

- ➡ Has shown a willingness to communicate, but her positions on specific issues so far are unknown.

No data or response – : Ron Williams

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Major	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 112

Fred Belardi 

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Belardi	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 113

Gaynor Cawley 

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Cawley	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 114

Frank Serafini 

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Michael Giannetta

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Serafini	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 115

Edward Staback 

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ✖ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Staback	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 116

Tom Stish

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Introduced legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response – : Susan Parrick

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Stish	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 117

George Hasay

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ✗ Sponsoring legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response – : Ray Whalen

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Hasay	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 118

Thomas Tigue

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response – : Charles Sperrazza

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Tigue	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✗✗

State House - District 119**Stanley Jarolin**

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : David Shipula**Candidate Rating Table**

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Jarolin	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 120**Phyllis Mundy**

✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Norm Gavlick, Jr.**Candidate Rating Table**

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Mundy	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 121**Kevin Blaum** ✓ Says hate crimes are “fundamentally wrong” and supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
Has previously voted for the bill.

✗ Blaum is not prepared to support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act. “The Bishop has raised numerous questions. That concerns me.”

John Gibbons 

✗ Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.

✗ Organized right-wing reactionary opposition to civil rights legislation based on sexual orientation in Wilkes-Barre.

✗ Equates homosexuality with pedophilia.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Blaum	0	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB
Gibbons	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	NB	NB

State House - District 122**Keith McCall** /

✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
McCall	NB	NB	NB	XX	NB	XX

State House - District 123

Edward Lucyk 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Ted Koval

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Lucyk	NB	NB	NB	XX	NB	NB

State House - District 124

David Argall 

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Argall	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓

State House - District 125

Bob Allen 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Allen	NB	NB	NB	XX	NB	NB

State House - District 126

No data or response – : Dante Santoni; : John Ulrich

State House - District 127

Thomas Caltagirone 

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Caltagirone	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

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State House - District 128

Samuel Rohrer

- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response – : Jonathan Meter

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Rohrer	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	XX

State House - District 129

John Liss

- ✗ Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✗ Believes sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✗ Supports mandatory HIV testing for everyone.
- ✗ Opposes the HIV Confidentiality Law, and believes “anyone who has it [HIV] should be on a list and wear an ID mark so all know about it to keep it from spreading.”
- ✗ “I have no problem with Gay + Lesbian community but don’t look for me to make it appear that they are the norm.”

Sheila Miller

- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couple	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Liss	✗	✗	✗	NB	✓	NB
Miller	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	XX

State House - District 130

Dennis Leh

- ✗ Has repeatedly attacked the lesbian community. He is one of the most vocally anti-lesbian state legislators.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill. The following quotes of his came during debate on the bill on the House floor.
- ✖ "The greatest perpetrators of hate against homosexuals come from within their own community -- those who knowingly infect others with the AIDS disease."
- ✖ "This [the bill and 'recognizing homosexual behavior as an alternative lifestyle', as he claims the bill requires] is not only offensive to me but to all the decent, legitimate minorities in Pennsylvania. These people whom we are going to give this privileged minority status to are not simply the gentlemen who like to walk around holding hands. They do have an agenda. Their agenda is to turn our society upside down... This bill will require us to remove the slogan 'America Starts Here' to [sic] 'America Ends Here,' because sodomy has always resulted in the collapse of a civilization."
- ✖ "This [lesbian sexual orientation] is a choice that these people make. They are not naturally inclined to this lifestyle, if that is what you wish to called it."

David Gatz 🐘

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ "We must find a cure for AIDS now, and I will be an aggressive legislator to promote that to the fullest."
- ✓ Will work to "increase government funding and involvement in promoting AIDS education, research, building patient aid facilities and decrease the cost to patient families."
- ✖ "I am opposed to same gender marriages."
- ⇒ "...assist me personally to unseat Dennis Leh, who is an extreme right legislator. He is intolerant of others, he is anti-gay, he is anti-lesbian, and is only interested in promoting his personal agenda of self-righteousness. I suggest you visit with him personally to see him face to face on his views relating to the Gay and Lesbian individuals."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gatz	✓✓	0	✖	NB	✓	✓
Leh	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 131

Daniel Dougherty 🐘

- ✓ Has indicated favorable positions in the past, but has not responded to the questionnaire this year.

No data or response – 🐘: Pat Browne

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Dougherty	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

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State House - District 132

Charles Dent /

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Is on the Board of Directors for AIDSNET, the regions largest funding source for AIDS service organizations.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ◆ Responded by phone and asked to meet with LGLV representatives.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Dent	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓✓

T.J. Rooney

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill
- ◆ Spoke at the 1994 Lehigh Valley AIDS Walk, stating education is one of the keys to overcoming the AIDS problem.

Andy Roman



- ✗ Evidence suggests Roman is a stealth candidate associated with the radical right. He is not well-known, hasn't made a lot of public appearances, and his finance statements indicate that a significant portion of his campaign is concentrated in right-wing churches such as the Assembly of God.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Rooney	✓	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 134

Don Snyder

- ✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Snyder	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓

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State House - District 135

Lisa Boscola

- ✓ Says she has always supported the lesbian community, and that "my hairdresser and some of my best friends are gay."
- ✓ Was surprised to learn discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal and indicated she would be supportive of adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Has previously supported AIDS charities.

Pamela Opp

- ✓ Stated no one should be a victim of hate crimes, and that she would probably support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Appears uncomfortable discussing subjects dealing with the lesbian community. After a brief discussion with a League representative, she abruptly ended the conversation.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Boscola	✓	NB	NB	0	NB	0
Opp	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 136

Joseph Corpora

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Feels it "couldn't hurt" to pass the Hate Crimes Bill



Richard Orleman

- ✗ Serves as the Northampton County Coordinator for the Christian Coalition, the anti-lesbian, extreme right-wing organization that has taken the lead in opposing civil rights for lesbian people in America.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Corpora	✓	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB
Orleman	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

State House - District 137

Leonard Gruppo

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gruppo	NB	NB	NB	✗	NB	NB

State House - District 138

Bob Nyce

- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Nyce	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✗✗

State House - District 139

Jerry Birmelin

- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ✗ Actively opposed and voted against the Hate Crimes Bill. The following quotes of his came during debate on the bill on the House floor.]
- ✗ "Pennsylvania does not even grant homosexuals the civil rights protection... And I do not believe that we should tamper with this delicate balance which keeps our law neutral on this controversial and divisive issue of homosexual conduct."
- ✗ "... the bill is part of an agenda of the gay community to validate and give legal standing to lifestyles that millions of Pennsylvanians find offensive to their most fundamental moral beliefs..."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Birmelin	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 140

Thomas Corrigan

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

John Poltonowicz

- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and supports the HIV confidentiality law.
- ✓ Believes that sexual orientation should not be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions.
- ✗ Believes that sexual orientation should be used "at certain times to deny a person's opportunity to adopt," but in most cases decisions should not be based on sexual orientation.
- ✗ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.

State House - District 144

No data or response - : Maria Woods; : Thomas Druce

State House - District 145

Paul Clymer 



- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.
- ✗ Sponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ✗ Recipient of the 1986 Pennsylvanians for Biblical Majority Freedom Defender Award.

H. Antoinette Hilmer L

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Opposes funding for any AIDS program.

No data or response - : Tony Molace

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Clymer	✗	✗	✗	✗✗	NB	✗✗
Hilmer	✓	NB	✓	✓✓	0	✗

State House - District 146

Robert Reber 

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports increased funding, education and public awareness to fight HIV/AIDS.

No data or response - : Christopher Spaulding

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Reber	✓	NB	0	✓	✓	✓

State House - District 147

Raymond Bunt 

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV

testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Tom Durborow

- ✓ Supports recognition of a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex and opposite-sex couples.
- ✗ Opposes funding for any programs dealing with HIV/AIDS.
- ✗ Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Doesn't believe the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act or any amendments to it are necessary because he thinks the Constitution already covers discrimination [note: court cases have demonstrated it does not].

No data or response – : Jeanne Bland

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Bunt	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗
Durborow	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗

State House - District 148

Jon Rivkind

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports recognition of a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill which would give harsher penalties for crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing.

Lita Indzel Cohen

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill to add sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports recognition of a legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill, which would give harsher penalties for crimes motivated by the victims sexual orientation.
- ✓ Favors placing greater emphasis on AIDS education, starting at a younger age.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory testing and supports the HIV Confidentiality Law.
- ✓ Sponsor of legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Cohen	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Rivkind	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NB

State House - District 149

Felice Wiener

- ✓ Would support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports a legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.

- ✗ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act because "no group should be favored over another".
- ✦ Would use "the number of lives saved" as criteria for funding AIDS programs.

George Stevenson I

- ✓ "Sexual orientation, in and of itself, does not preclude an individual from working successfully in virtually any endeavor"
- ✓ Believes "the federal government... should act to speed up the approval process so that drugs thought to be helpful [for AIDS] can be utilized sooner."
- ✗ "I do not understand nor do I support the gay/lesbian lifestyle."

No data or response - 🐎: David Barol; 🐘: Ellen Bard

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Krawchuk	✗	0	✓	✗	✗	NB
Stevenson	✗	NB	✗	NB	0	✓

State House - District 154

No data or response - 🐎: Lawrence Curry; 🐘: Val Wilson

State House - District 155

Joseph Lisowski 🐎/ L

- ✓ Supports domestic partnerships, so that same-sex couples can receive the same benefits that heterosexual couples do.
- ✗ Would like to see the government out of all AIDS research, education, and treatment programs.
- ✗ Believes people with HIV or other medical conditions which "put others at risk should be held liable."

No data or response - 🐘: Curt Schroder

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Lisowski	0	NB	✓	0	✗	✗

State House - District 156

Elinor Taylor 🐘

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Taylor	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 157

No data or response – 🐘: Carole Rubley

State House - District 158

Libby Swingle 🐘

- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody decision, as well as in adoption or foster care applications.
- ✗ Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✗ Opposes recognition of marriage or domestic partners for same-sex couples.

Joseph Pitts 🐘

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Pitts	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗
Swingle	✗	✓	✗	NB	✓	NB

State House - District 159

No data or response – 🐘: Thaddeus Kirkland; 🐘: John Nails

State House - District 160

Harry Seth 🐘

- ✓ Conditionally supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✗ Believes sexual orientation should be a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions "because male-female sexual orientation is a normal practice in a family atmosphere."
- ✗ Does not support recognition of same-sex domestic partners because "a normal marriage is man & woman."
- ✗ Believes insurance companies should be able to deny coverage to lesbian people and they should be able to raise rates because of sexual orientation because "the health risk is greater"
- ➡ Supports mandatory HIV testing for health care professionals and prisoners
- ➡ "Please abstain from unsafe sex."

Kathrynann Durham 🐘

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Durham	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	NB
Seth	0	✗	✗	NB	✗	✗

State House - District 161

Tom Gannon 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Thomas Greto 

✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gannon	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB
Greto	✓	✓	✖	✖	✓	NB

State House - District 162

Ron Raymond 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Sponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

✖ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Raymond	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 163

Nicholas Micozzie 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Mike Hall

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Micozzie	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 164

Mario Civera 

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Noel Hubler

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Civera	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 165

William Adolph

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - : Carl Johnson

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Adolph	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	✗✗

State House - District 166

No data or response - : Greg Vitali; : Jim Marks

State House - District 167

Bob Flick

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Flick	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	NB

State House - District 168

Matthew Ryan /

- ➡ Did not answer questionnaire, but rather stated he would prefer to run on his 32 years as a state legislator.

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Ryan	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	NB

State House - District 169

Dennis O'Brien

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - : Michael McGuigan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
O'Brien	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	NB

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State House - District 170

George Kenney

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✗ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response – : Lisa O'Mara

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Kenney	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✗✗

State House - District 172

John Perzel

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Barry Rankin

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Perzel	NB	NB	NB	✗✗	NB	NB

State House - District 173

Gail Maria

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the recognition of legal equivalent marriage for same- sex couples.
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ☞ Says she's "not well versed" in current AIDS policies or laws.

No data or response – : Michael McGeehan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Maria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NB

State House - District 174

Alan Butkovitz

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – : Stanley Boos

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Butkovitz	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓✓

State House - District 179

William Rieger 🐾

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – 🐾: Jon Mirowitz

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Rieger	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 180

Ralph Acosta 🐾

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – 🐾: Benjamin Ramos

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Acosta	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 181

Curtis Thomas 🐾

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – 🐾: William Harrison

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Thomas	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 182

Babette Josephs 🐾

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the recognition of same-sex marriage or a legal equivalent.
- ✓ Introduced the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Opposes the corporate tax cut on the basis that the money could be spent in the fight against AIDS.
- ✓ Stresses the importance of grassroots programs to fight AIDS.
- ✓ Supports increased education, needle exchange programs, condom distribution in high schools to prevent spread of HIV infection.
- ✓ Wrote the HIV Confidentiality Law and opposes mandatory HIV testing.

- ✓ Working on legislation which would allow parents with HIV/AIDS to set up temporary guardianships for their children.
- ✓ "I have a long record of supporting gays and lesbians since 1982."

Pauline DeMarco Davis

- ✓ Supports domestic partnerships
- ✓ Would cosponsor Hate Crimes Bill

John Famularo **L**

- ✓ Would support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act, but feels "the state should not be in the business of creating more statutes."
- ✗ Believes a person's sexual orientation should be considered in child custody decisions, but "not disproportionately. All things should be considered since it is the best interest of the child that is the priority, not a political statement." Didn't explain how the parent's sexual orientation affected the child's best interest.
- ✗ "If you mean state funding [for AIDS], my budget would be \$0. Any cure for AIDS will come from private research. Once the public understands that 99% of population dies of a failure of the immune/regeneration system, they will voluntarily fund genetic research to the maximum. There are many fast buck artists who would take tax money and only deliver promises."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Davis	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓
Famularo	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Josephs	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 183

Frank Yandrisevits

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – : Julie Harhart

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Yandrisevits	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 184

William Keller

- ✗ Sponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response – : Brian Brignola

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Keller	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✗

State House - District 185

Robert Donatucci 🐾

✖ Voted against the PA Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🐘: John Dougherty

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Donatucci	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	✓

State House - District 186

Harold James 🐾

✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🐘: Anthony Meglio

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
James	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 187

Paul Semmel 🐘

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Semmel	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	✓

State House - District 188

James Roebuck 🐾

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🐘: Herman Carden

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Roebuck	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 189

Joseph Battisto 🐘

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✗ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response – 🐘: Bob Moore; L: Ray Masters Mastroberte

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Battisto	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✗✗

State House - District 190

Vincent Hughes 🐘

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Hughes	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 191

Anthony Williams 🐘

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Paul C. Moore 🐘

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✗ Opposes recognition of marriage or a legal equivalent for same-sex couples.
- ✗ Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Believes HIV testing should be mandatory for everyone.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Moore	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Williams	NB	NB	✓	NB	✓✓	✓

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State House - District 192

Louise Bishop

- ✓ Cosponsored Hate Crime Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – : John Calabro

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Bishop	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House- District 193

No data or response – : Steven Nickol

State House - District 194

Kathy Manderino

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – : Thomas Quigley

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Manderino	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓✓

State House - District 195

Frank Oliver

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody adoption or foster care decisions, “unless the person’s sexual orientation – hetero, homo, or bi – causes an adverse impact on the child involved.”
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports more spending to promote safe sex message.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✗ Opposes recognition of marriage or legal equivalent for same sex couples.

No data or response – : David Thomsen

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Oliver	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 196

Colleen Burkett 🐾

- ✓ Having a "legal equivalent [to marriage for same-sex couples] is important. Having recently lost a young friend to AIDS... His partner of ten years has no legal right to the property where they built a life together."
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Support for AIDS issues is very strong. It seems to be a family affair: They receive (and read) the South Central AIDS Network newsletter and her daughter was involved with their walk-a-thon fundraiser (she was unable to attend because she was undergoing chemo-therapy at the time).
- ✓ "People should not be discriminated against based on sexual preference. I believe that government and society must be represented by people from all walks of life and many different lifestyles."

No data or response – 🐘: Todd Platts

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Burkett	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 197

Andrew Carn 🐾

- ✓ Cosponsored the PA Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – 🐘: Sundai Mtunda

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Carn	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 198

Rosita Youngblood 🐾

- ✓ States AIDS "research, treatment, and education are woefully underfunded."
- ✗ Thinks sexual orientation is already included in the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act [note: it is not included] and that "further legislation, however desirable, is unnecessary."
- ✗ Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ☞ Supports mandatory testing for sex offenders.

No data or response – 🐘: Michael Matkovic

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Youngblood	0	✓	✗✗	✗✗	✓	✓

state House - District 200

No data or response – 🐾: Leanna Washington; 🐘: Randy Urquhart

State House - District 201

David Richardson 🐾

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ As a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, she sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response – 🐘: Rosa Bonds

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Richardson	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 202

Mark Cohen 🐾

- ✓ Cosponsored and strongly advocated for the Hate Crimes Bill..
- ✓ From the debate on the Hate Crimes Bill: "They [lesbigay people] are human beings created by God whom we have to represent, and we are not going to represent them by ignoring them, by making speeches appealing to fears... of constituents."
- ✗ Sponsoring legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response – 🐘: Grace Brogan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Cohen	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✗✗

State House - District 203

Dwight Evans 🐾

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports marriage or legal equivalent for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ As chair of the House Appropriations Committee, conducted a hearing on AIDS programs and funding in addition to the regular budget hearings

No data or response – 🐘: Stanley Gaines

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Evans	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓

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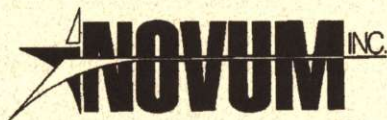
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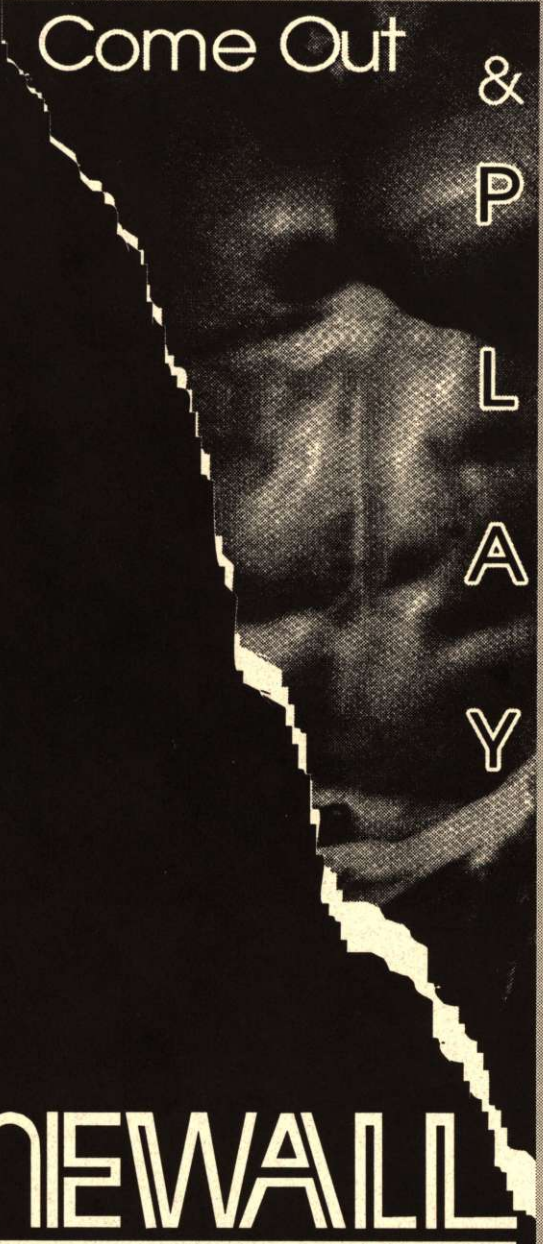


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